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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20050043258 A1

TITLE: Methods of treating xerostomia and xerophthalmia

Detail Description Paragraph:

[0027] "Xerostomia," or "dry mouth," is a symptom associated with a decrease in salivary flow and/or alterations in salivary composition. Xerostomia is manifested in complaints of oral dryness, burning of the tissues, difficulty eating and swallowing, irritation of the tongue and painful ulcerations as well as significantly progressive caries and periodontal disease. The burning tongue (glossodynia) associated with xerostomia may become quite severe with chronic dryness, resulting in atrophy and painful fissuring and desquamation of the mucosa, often interfering with nutritional intake. Oral symptoms of xerostomia include: dry mouth, difficulty eating, increase in the prevalence of dental caries, recurrent yeast infection, retention of food and bacteria, and swelling and tenderness of the major salivary glands. Most current treatments for xerostomia are palliative in nature.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030118628 A1

TITLE: Confectionery product having a salivation region and an oral comfort region

Summary of Invention Paragraph:

[0004] Dry mouth is a common problem throughout the world which is caused by a variety of environmental, emotional and physiological factors. This condition, also known as xerostomia, exhibits physical symptoms such as decreased amount of saliva, decreased mouth moistness, inability to move the tongue freely, speech problems, incomplete digestion of food, swallowing problems, increased breath odor, increased risk of oral health problems and general throat irritation.

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